

Honorable William L. Dawson  
Chairman, Committee on  
Government Operations  
House of Representatives  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dawson:

You have requested our views on H.R. 13243, a bill to amend the Budget and Accounting Act, 1921, to require that full information concerning executive departments and agencies be furnished congressional committees.

Section 102(d)(3) of the National Security Act, Public Law 253, 80th Congress, as amended, places upon the Director of Central Intelligence the responsibility for "...protecting intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure;". Section 6 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, Public Law 110, 81st Congress, as amended, provides further that "...in order to further implement the proviso of Section 102(d)(3)...the Agency shall be exempted from the provisions of Sections 1 and 2, Chapter 795 of the Act of August 28, 1935 (49 Stat. 956, 957; 5 USC 654), and the provisions of any other law which require the publication or disclosure of the organization, functions, names, official titles, salaries, or numbers of personnel employed by the Agency: Provided, That in furtherance of this Section, the Director

of the Bureau of the Budget shall make no reports to the Congress in connection with the Agency under Section 607, Title VI, Chapter 212 of the Act of June 30, 1945, as amended (5 USC 947(b)).

This Agency meets periodically with the appropriate subcommittees of the Senate and House Armed Services and Appropriations Committees and, on occasion, briefs other congressional committees on matters within their particular area of interest. However, we would be opposed to the enactment of H. R. 13243 or any similar general legislation which might be so construed as to diminish the effect of the provisions of law referred to above. If the Committee should decide to give favorable consideration to H. R. 13243, it is requested that this Agency be specifically exempted from the bill.